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# HELP BRING 'OUR TWINX' BACK HOME

By Charles Thomson

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THE FAMILY of a former Southend woman who died in Spain has started a fundraising campaign to fly her body home.

The body of Rebecca Muldoon, 35, was found on a beach in Marbella earlier this month.

Half-sister Sabrina Foakes described her as a 'beloved mummy, daughter, sister and aunt'. She was the mother of two young children – 11-year-old Mustie and eight-year-old Matilda. Ms Foakes said she was unaware whether a post-mortem had confirmed Rebecca's cause of death.

She told the *YA* she and Rebecca had grown up in the same house, commenting: "Everyone knew us as Twinx and Beanie."

On the fundraising page, which has raised £6,500 of the £8,000 target, she wrote: "Our Twinx, Rebecca Foakes (Muldoon), has been taken far too soon. We was(sic) sadly informed as a family that Twinx had been taken from us on January 14, 2018, leaving behind two beautiful children.

Twinx always did right by her children and that's what she did even until the very end. She was an easy-going girl, who everyone loved. Everyone has their own memory of her and that will live on.

Us as a family ask for the support of everyone that knew her, to help raise funds of repatriation and giving her the send-off she deserves, and the final farewell from her children, family and friends." Visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sabrina-foakes-1>.



FAMILY: Sabrina Foakes (left) and half sister Rebecca Muldoon grew up together and were known as Twinx and Beanie

● REBECCA'S husband Paul, 33, was arrested by Spanish police last week.

In a statement to the *YA*, Surrey Police said: "After being arrested by Spanish police on January 15, 2018, Paul Muldoon, 33, originally from Basildon, remains in Spain as authorities complete enquiries.

"Muldoon was arrested on a European arrest warrant issued in respect to his failure to appear at Guildford Crown Court on April 18, 2017. He was due to face charges of conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation and theft, all in relation to a Rare Earth Metal (REM) investment scheme."

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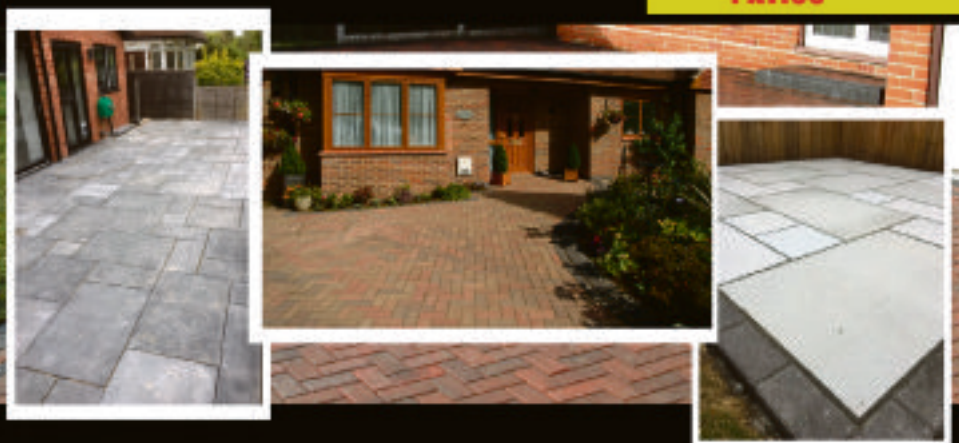


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# Hospice bosses announce £16m relocation proposal from Chalkwell to Priory Park site

## Havens plans for Prittlewell

HAVENS Hospices is set to submit revised plans for a new adult hospice in Prittlewell.

A charity spokesman said the new building would be able to care for twice as many patients than the current Fair Havens Hospice.

The charity confirmed the new Fair Havens would include 16 inpatient bedrooms, increased day hospice

services and serve Southend, Castle Point and Rochford.

Project director Steve Smith said Havens needs to raise another £2.5million out of the £16million required for the building, following support from grant making trusts, appeal board members and founders.

He said: "We have always said that we need to build a hospice that will

last for generations – this is our chance to get this right.

"We have gone through the formal stages of developing a building and a normal part of this process is to review existing designs against the ever changing needs of our patients."

"We consulted with the specialists in our care teams, gained knowledge from the experiences of other hos-

pices who have recently rebuilt and been informed by the evolving national picture of hospice care."

"We have a duty to get value for money as public donations will pay for the majority of a hospice that will serve the local community for years to come. We have scrutinised the plans to ensure we build a hospice of the right size and are using space effectively so we can reduce costs.

"We are delighted to say that after this process, our building has been reduced in costs and enables our care specialists to deliver greater levels of care to our patients and their families."

The planned location for the new hospice is on land opposite Priory Park – the current Fair Havens Hospice is in Westcliff.

The charity spokesman said the updated plans will be submitted to Southend Council next month.

Before then, there will be two public consultation events at the Ekco Sports and Social Club, on January 31 and February 3, between 10am and noon.

Havens will then begin a public appeal in the spring, inviting further donations towards the project.

For more information about the new hospice, questions can be emailed to [info@havenshospices.org.uk](mailto:info@havenshospices.org.uk).



MOVE?: An artist's impression of what the new adult hospice would look like

## Amy inspired by Holocaust survivors

A STUDENT at Seevic College has had her art go on display at a Holocaust exhibition in Southend.

Amy Bishop, a second-year HND art and design student at Seevic, is showing her work as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day exhibitions at The Forum.

She was inspired to create her work after visiting the Jewish Museum in Berlin and seeing the

Holocaust Memorial. Amy, 20, from Westcliff, said: "I started to research the Holocaust, particularly the recollections of those who had survived. I became very emotional while reading their stories and wanted to create something that would portray their horrific experience."

"However, I wanted this piece to be something that was interactive

so that it would draw people in to read the stories of survivors who fought for the lives.

"All illustrations have been hand drawn and digitally arranged, overlaid onto various photographs and digital photography."

The exhibition at the Forum runs until Thursday, with work also on display at the Council Chamber on January 28.



ARTIST: Amy Bishop

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Arson appeal

● POLICE are appealing for information after an arson at an address in Southend.

The incident happened in Sutton Road on January 5.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "A piece of paper was posted through a letter box and set alight."

"It is being treated as arson."

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Alex Farr at Southend police station on 101 quoting the crime reference number 42/2379/18 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Health sessions promo

● AN OPEN weekend is set to take place across a number of Southend's leisure centres.

Southend Council, working with Fusion Lifestyle, is opening its doors for a number of activities at leisure centres across the borough to promote an active and healthy lifestyle.

Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre, Belfairs Swim Centre and Chase Sports & Fitness Centre are all taking part on January 27 and 28. A number of free sessions will be available, while entry to the centres will be £1.25 for the weekend for gym, pool and other fitness classes

To take part, contact one of the leisure centres on: Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre – 01702 613000; Shoeburyness Leisure Centre – 01702 293558; Chase Sports and Fitness Centre – 01702 433006 and Belfairs Swim Centre – 01702 712155.

#### Pop-up house for writers

● ARTS charity Metal has announced it is hosting a pop-up Writers House to host a range of literary events and activities.

To be held at Chalkwell Hall in March, a Metal spokesman said the aim is "to provide development opportunities for writers working in all genres, whilst engaging with audiences of all ages."

For more information visit <http://www.metalculture.com/projects/southend-pop-up-essex-writers-house/>.

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# Putting disability sport in spotlight

ORGANISATIONS across the county are pledging their support to a campaign to increase participation in disability sport.

Active Essex, the county sports partnership for Greater Essex, launched the All Together programme last year to encourage more people with disabilities to take part in sport and physical activity.

The All Together programme has 35 ambassadors, who help to inspire more disabled people to get active, highlight disability and inclusive sport across the county and help to break down barriers which prevent disabled people taking part in sport and physical activity.

Hayley Chapman, Sport and Physical Activity Officer at Active Essex, said: "We are committed to increasing participation in disability and inclusive sport across the county. By working closely with other organisations within the sector, we can raise awareness of the opportunities, facilities and support out there."

All Together is backed by 12 organisations in the disability sector, who will promote opportunities and services for disability sport.

Organisations including ECL Sensory Service, Southend Mencap and Tendring Community Transport are working with Active Essex to increase awareness of the services and activities available to their members and the community.

Faye Gatenby, head of the ECL Sensory Service, said: "The All Together

**VITAL ROLE: Essex All Together Ambassadors**

campaign is shining a light on accessible sporting and physical activity opportunities available within Essex and also developing new opportunities, we are proud to be a supporting organisation."

Marc McOwens, from Southend Mencap, said: "The introduction of the All Together project is another positive step for our students to not only have even more opportunities to take part in physical and sporting activities but also to access these in more mainstream venues than they have previously been able to."

Active Essex has a four-year strategy

to change a million lives and get people active with a priority to improve health and wellbeing for those living with a disability or life-long illness.

This accounts for 17.1 per cent of the Greater Essex population.

Azeem Akhtar, chairman of Active Essex, said: "Our All Together Ambassadors are already playing a vital role in increasing the number of the disabled people who are involved in sport and physical activity in Essex."

For more about the All Together campaign and supporting organisations visit [www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org).

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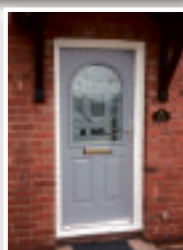
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# Deputy chief constable guilty of misconduct

Police officer who threw rubber stress ball at colleague to keep his job

THE Deputy Chief Constable of Essex Police has been found guilty of three counts of misconduct following a week-long hearing.

DCC Matthew Horne is currently on secondment to the National Crime Agency.

A misconduct panel in Chelmsford ruled that he called a superintendent the C-word, pushed a chief superintendent over a desk and threw a rubber stress ball at the same chief superintendent's throat.

Each incident was found to have amounted to "misconduct", but not "gross misconduct", meaning Mr Horne cannot lose his job as a



HEARING: Deputy Chief Constable Matthew Horne

result of the ruling.

He must now await another public hearing, at which his sanction will be announced – but the panel has recommended the lowest possible sanction, "management advice".

Dorian Lovell-Pank QC told the hearing that Mr Horne had "brought strength and honour to each force in which he has served".

An Essex Police spokesman said: "We note the findings of the panel. A further hearing will be held in public in due course in order that the chief constable, as appropriate authority, can decide

on what sanction will be applied.

"These sanctions include management action, written warning, final written warning – and do not include dismissal.

"These events happened over two years ago, since when Essex Police has been inspected on ethical conduct and leadership by Her Majesty's Inspectors, who found that, 'leaders are aware of the importance of an ethical approach and act as ethical role models'.

"We will reflect carefully on the detailed panel findings and will of course look to ensure that any wider learning for the force is taken on board."

## Memorial service for Holocaust Day

A SERVICE is to be held in Southend to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

The event will pay tribute to all those who lost their lives or loved ones throughout the Holocaust and other more recent genocides.

The service is on Sunday at the Civic Centre Council Chamber from 3pm and includes music, poetry and photographs, with an address by Holocaust survivor Manfred Goldberg.

A Southend Council spokesman said everyone is welcome at the service.

## College to offer degrees in partnership with university

SOUTH Essex College is to form a partnership with the University of East Anglia (UEA) to provide higher education programmes.

From September, the university will award the college's higher education degrees, previously validated by University of Essex, including BSc (Hons) psychology and sociology, BA (Hons) special educational needs and disability stud-

ies. Other programmes in the process of being validated by UEA include BSc (Hons) criminology and forensic investigation and a new course, BSc (Hons) accounting and finance.

The courses are taught at the college's University Centre in Southend and Thurrock.

Colin Bladen-Kopacz, dean of higher education for the college,

said: "As part of our commitment to provide high quality degrees at the college, we are extremely pleased that our programmes will be validated by such a reputable institution.

"Students will benefit greatly from our new partnership, it's a very exciting time for our higher education provision."

Professor Neil Ward, UEA pro

vice-chancellor (academic), said: "UEA is delighted that South Essex College is joining our established network of academic partners and we look forward to the college's first students studying towards UEA awards starting in September 2018."

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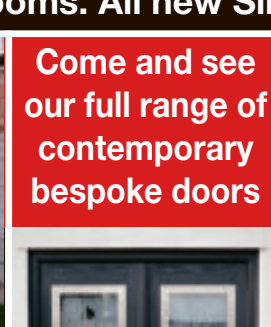
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# Hannah gets cropped

Photo Martin Dalton

## Charity cut in sister's memory raises more than £1,600

A STUDENT at South Essex College's Southend campus has had her hair shaved off for charity in memory of her sister.

Hannah Anderson, 16, lost her locks to raise money for Little Havens Hospice, in Thundersley, which looked after her sister Katie during a four year battle with a spinal tumour.

Katie passed away two years ago at the age of 13, but Hannah vowed to shave her head and donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, which makes wigs for girls who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

Hannah, from Brentwood, kept her promise by having her head shaved on Sunday, the day before Katie's 16th birthday.

Art and Design student Hannah said it was important for her to mark her sister's special day.

She said: "I love my hair and so did Katie, she was always brushing it and playing with it."

"When she was undergoing treatment I said I would have my head shaved and use the hair to make her a wig through the Little Princess Trust, but unfortunately she passed away before I had the chance."

"I'm keeping my promise to Katie to help another little girl instead. I know she would love that."

Hannah added that it meant a lot to her to have her hair shaved off in her sister's

memory and raise money for Little Havens, describing it as a "home away from home" and "very important to Katie and our family."

She has so far raised more than £1,600 and to sponsor Hannah visit [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for Hannah's head shave.

## Charity ball raises £1,000s for spinal injury association



**SUCCESS:** Pam Withrington, Kevin Ogilvie, Spinal Injury Association peer support officer for the East of England, Brenda LeVoi-Bailey and Claire O'Connor, Hairclubin Senior Stylist

A SALON in Westcliff has raised £7,700 for charity after holding an annual ball last year.

The Hairclubin White Charity Ball was organised by salon owner Brenda LeVoi-Bailey and her sister Pam Withrington.

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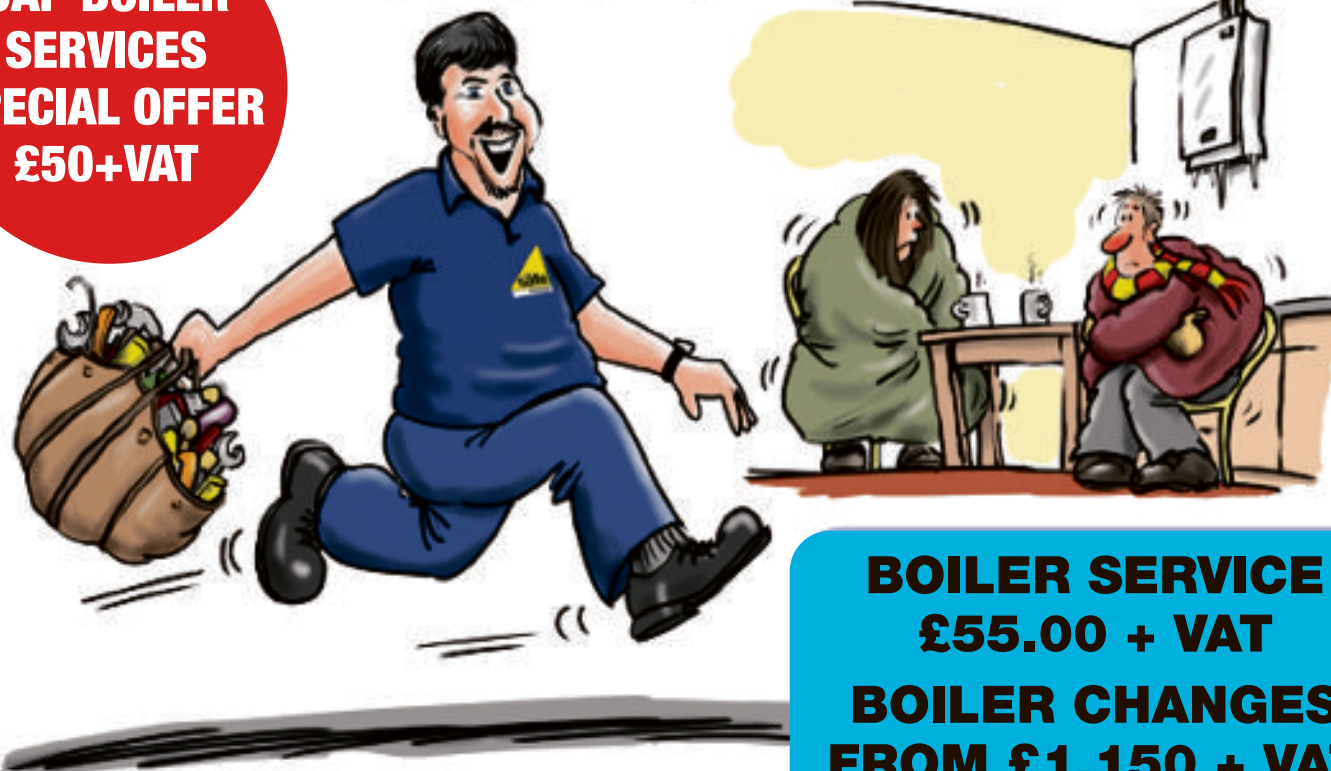
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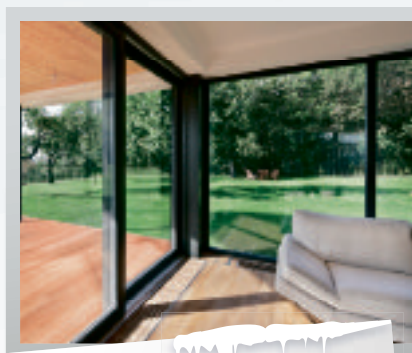
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## Park peafowl decision is a bitter blow

THE cabinet's decision to deny my motion on freeing the Chalkwell Park Four (peafowl) is not just a disappointment to me – it is a bitter blow for all who champion animal rights in Southend-on-Sea.

If they could but express an opinion, I have no doubt that the birds would also express disgust with their continued incarceration.

The ruling Conservative administration justifies its decision on the grounds that the peafowl have been bred in captivity; and yet I have not called for their release into the wild, only for a more suitable (and humane) home.

Further, the administration claims "they are regularly fed and watered, breeding and show no signs of distress and are in good health".

This is at variance with the reality of a dead chick last summer, and obvious signs of neglect.

Also, these magnificent birds are subject to torment by visitors and their pets.

Being in such a small enclosure they are unable to avoid the attention of those who whether by accident or design find themselves teasing these birds.

It is a bad day for animal welfare in Southend-on-Sea.

I cannot give up on this because cruelty will not just go away, it must be forced out.

Attitudes must change in the council chamber, and I hope that those who value animal welfare will consider very carefully when voting in May's local elections.

**Cllr Julian Ware-Lane**  
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## A127 toll just latest way to hit motorists

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I am not too concerned about the cost, but am aware that I am being screwed by the Government.

I don't mind paying road tax but often wonder how much of it is being used to maintain our roads.

I can have some control over my insurance cost as I can compare companies and make my own choices.

Tax on fuel is just another

form of taxation and the higher the tax the more we pay for all of our purchases no matter where we shop.

So motorists are being slaughtered by the Government and they know it.

You would think that there cannot be more ways of taxing us, but of course there is a little team of nasty people somewhere trying to invent new ways to tax us without having to use the income to benefit us.

Well they brought out congestion charges for London with the only cost to them being the, What will we do next they say?

I know, says a little man whilst having lunch at taxpayers' expense, let's put a congestion charge on the A127 and say it is due to increased pollution.

Apart from one man who uses the A127 on a regular basis all agreed to give it a go.

The idea is of course a great one because when the A127 users divert to the A13 they can argue congestion charge for this road too, due to increased usage and pollution.

How long will it be before all roads are toll roads with cameras that identify the users so we can receive another monthly bill to pay?

If the Government stopped wasting so much money on useless projects and overseas donations maybe they could afford to run the country without overtaxing their employers, US!

**Keith Little**  
*Benfleet*

## Southend A&E staff are incredible

HAVING spent all of Saturday at Southend A&E, I would like to say how incredible all the staff are.

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for their care, commitment and cheerfulness.

I am immensely sad to hear that nurses, doctors and other staff are leaving our NHS in large numbers recently, particularly those from other EU countries, since the 2016 referendum.

All those working in our hospitals do a wonderful job and work together as inspira-

tional teams which, I must admit, even I did not fully appreciate quite as much as I do now, having spent some time there.

Let's bin Brexit before it destroys our amazing country any more than it already has and let's fund our NHS instead.

**Katy Trevorton**  
*Westcliff-on-Sea*

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**RECOGNISE HIM?:** The man police want to question

## Police photo appeal after assault at McDonald's

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man wanted for questioning over an assault on a staff member at a Southend restaurant.

The female worker was the victim of an "unprovoked attack" at McDonald's in Southend High Street on January 12.

The woman had asked three men, whom she believed

were taking drugs in the restaurant toilet, to leave.

One of the men responded by grabbing her around the throat, said police.

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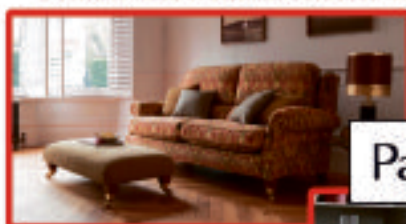
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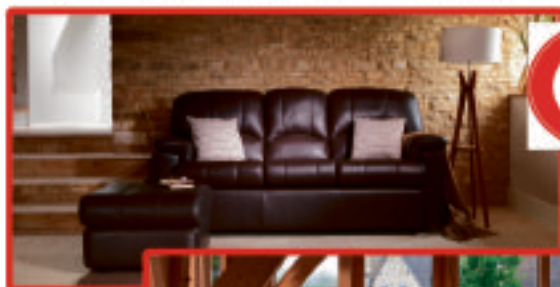
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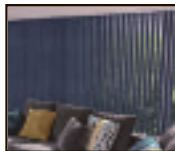
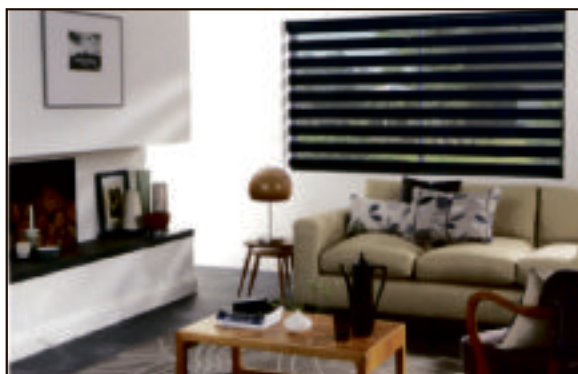
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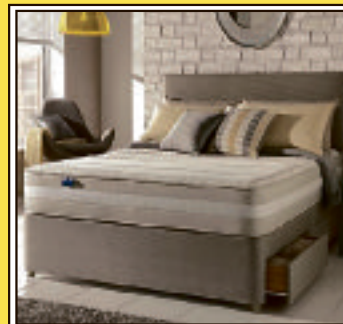
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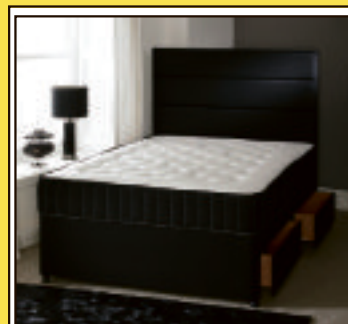
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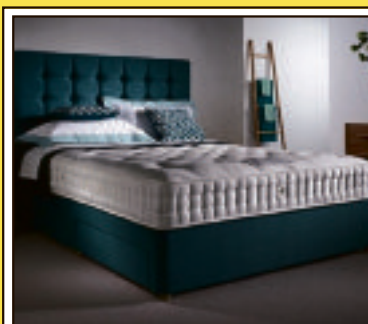
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## Ready for their close-up

**A**NDREW Lloyd Webber's award-winning musical *Sunset Boulevard* is set to grace the stage at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

The show, on a UK tour since September last year, will arrive in Southend on Monday, January 29 and run to Saturday, February 3.

*Sunset Boulevard* is based on Billy Wilder's 1950 American film noir classic of the same name.

The musical, with book by Don Black, lyrics by Christopher Hampton, and music by Lloyd Webber, first opened in London in 1993.

It has gone on to have several long runs both in the UK and internationally.

One of the all-time great musicals, *Sunset Boulevard* has been recognised by the Tony Awards winning Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical in 1995.

Webber's much-loved score includes the title number *Sunset Boulevard*, *With One Look, As If We Never Said Goodbye*, *The Greatest Star Of All* and *The Perfect Year* and will be performed by a full orchestra.

In her mansion on *Sunset Boulevard*, faded, silent-screen goddess, Norma Desmond, lives in a fantasy world.

Impoverished screenwriter, Joe Gillis, on the run from debt collectors, stumbles into her reclusive world.

Persuaded to work on Norma's "masterpiece", a film script that she believes will put her back in front of

the cameras, he is seduced by her and her luxurious lifestyle.

He becomes entrapped in a claustrophobic world until his love for another woman leads him to try and break free with dramatic consequences.

The show, directed by Nicolai Foster, stars Ria Jones as Desmond, and Danny Mac as Gillis.

Joining them is an all-star supporting cast including Adam Pearce, Molly Lynch, Dougie Carter and Carl Sanderson.

Mac, known for his incredible performances on BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing* and musicals *Wicked* and *Legally Blonde*, spoke before the tour about his excitement in taking up the mantle of such a famous role.

He was especially excited about playing Gillis, as it offered him an opportunity to branch out as an actor and experience a whole new type of character, compared to what he is used to playing.

He said: "A lot of the characters I've played previously have been young men discovering themselves whereas this guy is a man and he's already been through it all."

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Danny Mac (Joe Gillis), Ria Jones (Norma Desmond) and Adam Pearce (Max Von Meyerling)

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## Sunset Boulevard

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"He's kind of at the end of his tether already and that's just when the show opens so from that point you just build and build."

The original film led to William Holden being nominated for an Oscar for his performance as Joe, however Mac is keen to forge his own path and not let the history of the role weigh on him.

He said: "I've watched the film because stylistically the show has grown out of the movie. The show is very true to the original conception, however once you take on a role you still go on your own journey. Nikolai Foster, our incredible director, was fantastic about encouraging me to do that."

He is relishing the opportunity to star alongside Jones, and said: "She's an absolute triumph in it and such a joy to work with. My Joe would be nothing without her Norma."

"It's wonderful to work with Ria because she's someone at the top of her game who still carries so much love and respect from everyone she's worked with."

"Everyone talks about her in such high regard and that's something that inspires me – to be a decent, professional person who people speak highly of in terms of their abilities but also just as a colleague."

■ Tickets for the show can be booked online at [www.thecliffspavilion.co.uk](http://www.thecliffspavilion.co.uk).

SHRINK: Matt Damon as Paul Safranek and Jason Sudeikis as Dave Johnson  
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# Small wonder

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The miniaturised American dream turns sour in Payne's film, co-written by Jim Taylor, which chronicles the intolerable strain that downsizing places on one fractured marriage.

Wit and invention are in thrilling abundance in an assured opening 30 minutes, augmented by slick digital effects that juxtapose the everyday and shrunken worlds.

Unfortunately, the script's volatile cocktail of genres – dystopian social satire, humane drama, doomed romance – congeals before the conclusion of the film's laboured second hour.

Dr Jorgen Asbjornsen (Rolf Lassgard) and a team of Norwegian scientists dazzle the world with the results of their downsizing experiment.

The irreversible procedure impresses occupational therapist Paul Safranek (Matt Damon). "Biggest thing since landing on the moon. Bigger!" he gushes to his sceptical mother.

At a high school reunion, Paul and wife Audrey

(Kristen Wiig) meet miniaturised former classmates Dave and Carol Johnson (Jason Sudeikis, Maribeth Monroe), who are effusive about their decision to shrink.

The Safraneks agree they need a radical change in circumstances to reinvigorate their stagnant marriage.

During transition surgery, Audrey gets cold feet and Paul becomes a heartbroken, lonely bachelor in the tiny community of Leisureland.

One year later, the Safraneks are divorced and Paul trades Leisureland luxury for a single bedroom apartment in the same block as brash playboy Dusan Mirkovic (Christoph Waltz).

The straight-talking hedonist introduces Paul to pal Joris (Udo Kier) and Vietnamese cleaner Ngoc Lan Tran (Hong Chau), a political activist with an ill-fitting prosthetic leg.

She opens Paul's eyes to the intolerance and cruelty in his miniaturised world.

Ironically, Downsizing comes up short. An ingenious central conceit can't stretch to 135 minutes and the emotional pay-off is ultimately unsatisfying.

Damon delivers an appealing performance as a kind-hearted everyman seduced by science, but he is overshadowed by scene-stealing and garish support performances.

Two-time Oscar-winner Waltz furiously chews scenery as an ageing, foul-mouthed lothario, while Chau could snag her first Oscar nomination for her eye-catching portrayal of an outspoken dissident who was downsized against her will.

The character's broken English is a high wire act, strung tightly between hilarity and racial caricature. I was charmed as Chau walked that tightrope but some audiences may feel she wobbles alarmingly and tumbles off.

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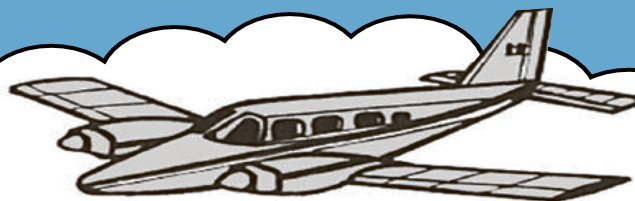
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- South East Essex Ramblers – 5.5 miles, Cherry Orchard Country Park & Roach Valley, 10am, meet at Park, SS4 1PN. Details: 07946 432198.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – Woodmans Arms, Rayleigh Road, Thundersley, 1pm. 01268 775799.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

### Monday, January 29

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Malcolm Perry, saxophone, Tony Gooderham, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
- Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queen's Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346883.

- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
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- Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billerica Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
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### Tuesday, January 30

- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692988.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258681.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Top Cats Social Club (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
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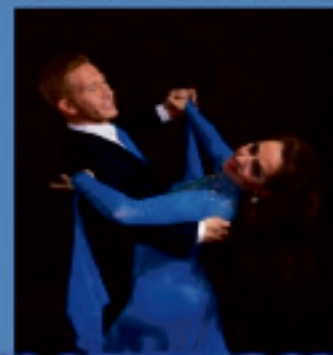
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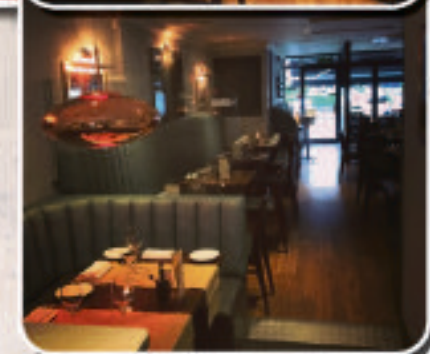
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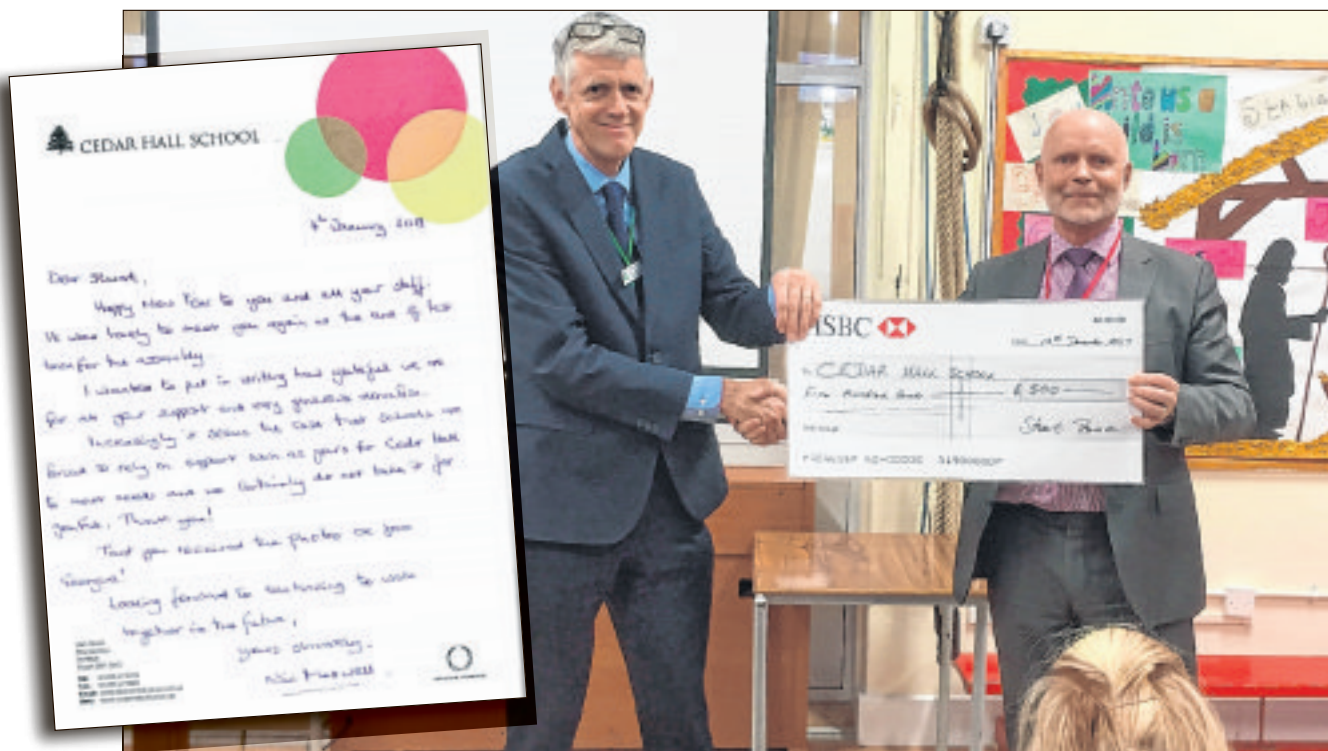
Headteacher Nic Maxwell penned a thank you letter to Stuart Thomas expressing the school's gratitude for its support.

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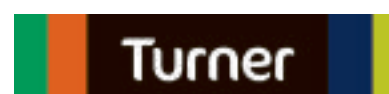
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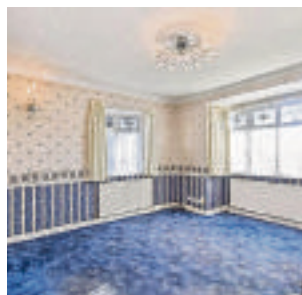
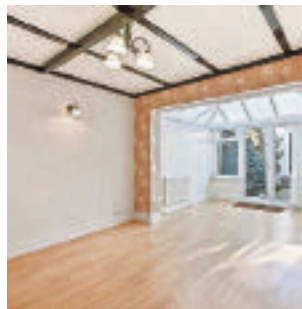
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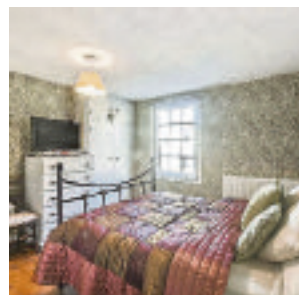
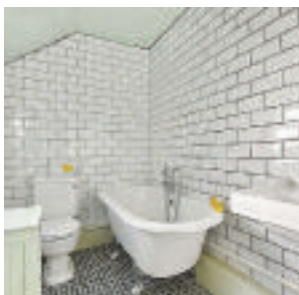
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**Rochford 260,000**

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**Southend-On-Sea 139,995**

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## Sycamore Close,, Rayleigh



Situated in a popular residential location is this well maintained, four bedroom detached family home located in a quiet cul-de-sac position and offering two reception rooms, Victorian style conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite to master bedroom, own driveway providing off-street parking and single garage. Walking distance to local amenities. Our Ref 14948

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## Spencer Road, Benfleet



In a sought after Benfleet location is this spacious three bedroom semi detached house situated in the catchment area for Robert Drake Primary School. This property benefits from having a 17' Lounge, 12' Dining Room, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three double bedrooms, garage and a 44' rear garden. Our ref: 11871

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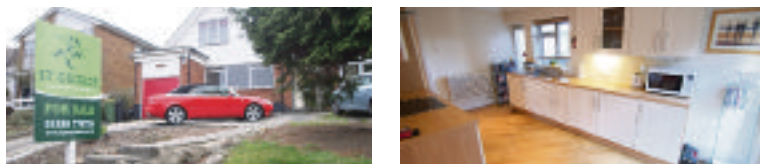
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- 4 Reception Area's
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- Popular Downhall Development
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- Well Maintained Throughout
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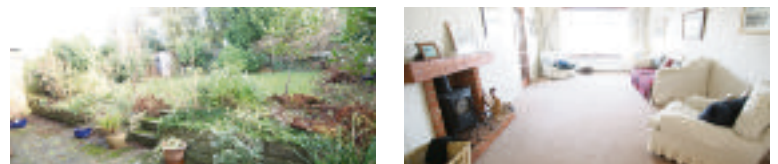
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- Two reception rooms
- Three bedrooms
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- No onward chain

## Southend On Sea £129,950



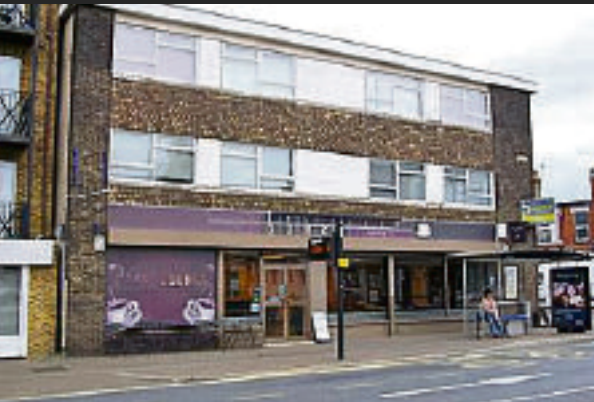
- Ground floor apartment close to town
- Double bedroom
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**HADLEIGH Guide £400,000 - £425,000**

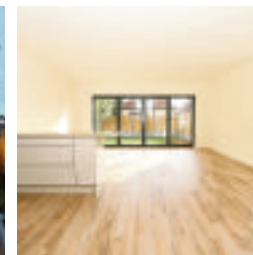
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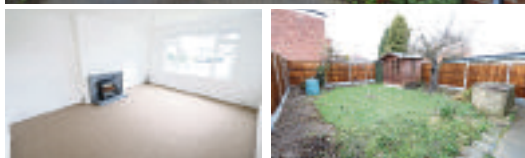
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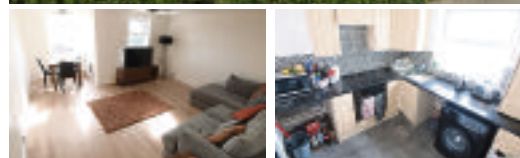
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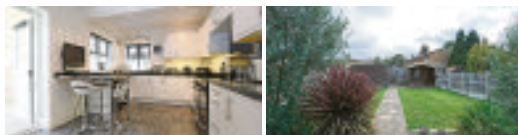


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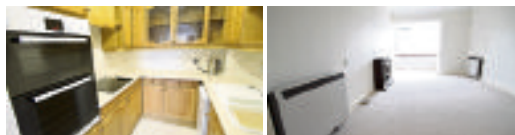


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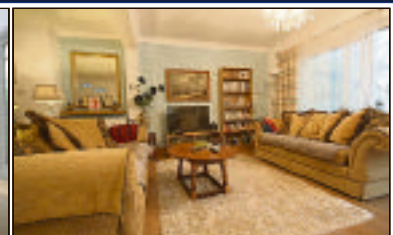
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Commenting on the figures, Director, Andrew Stallard said: "Considering the challenging conditions in the UK property market, this is a remarkable achievement. It's the third year in succession that we have sold more than 3,000 lots – each time making the achievement earlier in the year than during the previous 12 months. "We have a busy December ahead of us, with 26 sales scheduled nationwide and a record number of lots being offered over the two weeks from 4th December. All of which is yet further proof that local properties being sold in regional auctions is something that appeals to both buyers and sellers alike."

Andrew also says that the record number of catalogue entries in December reflected evidence of a real urgency amongst sellers. He explained: "The possibility of a severe winter has been heeded, and those with empty properties are hoping to sell before the festive break. Mortgaged landlords are acting to slim their portfolios and reduce gearing in advance of the new tax regime coming into

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"Latest evidence suggests that demand in some sectors has slackened since early autumn, although first time buyers activity is strengthening – something which is being further encouraged by the Stamp Duty threshold being raised to £300,000 in the recent Budget.

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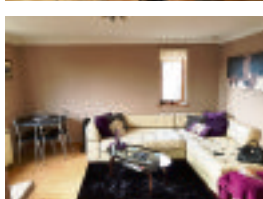


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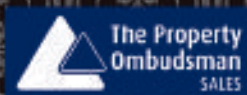


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## Bee Gee Barry's Merc for sale

**By Chris Russon**

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The two models will be going under the hammer at the Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show being held at the Birmingham NEC in March.

The 1977 Mercedes-Benz 450 SEL was owned by Sir Barry for more than 30 years and has just 59,000 miles on the clock.

With hydraulic rear suspension – an expensive option for a car of that time – it has a guide price of between £12,000 and £15,000.

It has been serviced and MOT'd annually

with many of the invoices on file invoiced to the singer, songwriter, musician and record producer personally.

Rossi's BMW is a 750iL dating from 1995 and which was in the musician's ownership for 17 years.

The car is an automatic and described as being in exceptional condition for its age by Classic Car Auctions which is holding the sale at the show on March 24 and 25.

It is estimated to fetch between £7,000 and £9,000.

Richard Greenhalgh, classic car specialist at Classic Car Auctions, said: "It would be a tragedy to miss the opportunity to own either of these cars, previously owned by two of the biggest names in the music industry."



UNDER THE HAMMER: The Mercedes 450 SEL

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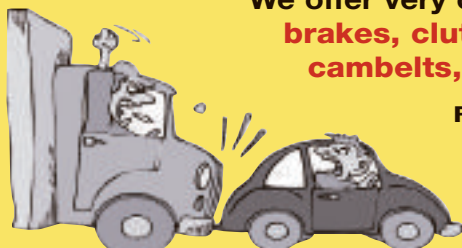
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## Hammers continue to make progress under Moyes

### Football

**West Ham United 1  
AFC Bournemouth 1  
Brian Jeeves reporting  
from the London Stadium**

A POACHER'S goal from Javier Hernandez extended West Ham's unbeaten Premier League sequence to five games after Ryan Fraser's strike had threatened to hand AFC Bournemouth all three points.

This was an eagerly anticipated contest, with no less than 23 goals coming in the previous five Premier League meetings between the sides and no shortage of talking points.

The Hammers were boosted by last weekend's emphatic 4-1 success at Huddersfield Town, followed by Emirates FA Cup progress, albeit at a struggle, against Shrewsbury Town.

Manager David Moyes once again shuffled the pack following the cup adventure reverting to the side which had triumphed at the John Smith's Stadium. Nevertheless, the Scotsman was quick to point out the secret of his side's recent success.

"I think what we've got at the moment is momentum," the former Everton chief remarked.

"The game against Huddersfield shows we've improved.

"I've set no targets for the players but 40 points was always the magic figure and the sooner you get to it, the better."

Bournemouth's midweek FA Cup exploits were less successful.

Despite arriving in east London off the back of a four-match unbeaten league sequence, the Cherries' missed out on a home fourth round tie with the Hammers after slipping to a 3-0 replay defeat at the hands of League One side Wigan Athletic.

West Ham, still feeling aggrieved by Callum Wilson's controversial late equaliser when the sides met at the Vitality Stadium on Boxing Day, were a whisker away from a perfect start as Aaron Cresswell's low drive whistled the wrong side of an upright.

Soon after Cherries goalkeeper Asmir Begovic produced a stunning reaction save to deny Marko Arnautovic from close range, then thwarted the Austrian frontman with his feet as the home side continually made their attacking inten-

**SCORER: Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez**  
Photo by Jason Mitchell



tions clear to the south coast club.

Arnautovic scuffed wide as the Hammers continued to press menacingly. Meanwhile, Lewis Cook wasn't far away with a crisp curling effort as Bournemouth finally offered a viable threat.

The game continued in a similar pattern after the break with West Ham, largely through Arnautovic and Manuel Lanzini, probing for an opening, while Bournemouth remained content to play on the counterattack.

Begovic clawed away Pablo Zabaleta's troublesome centre as Lanzini looked to profit, then the former Manchester City man fluffed his lines, finding Begovic's midriff with a tame attempt after finding himself in an unfamiliar advanced position.

Cherries defender Steve Cook denied Arnautovic an opening as the in-form Hammers man displayed a reluctance to pull the trigger. And the home side's wastefulness continued as both Lanzini and Pedro Obiang were wayward as West

Ham's frustrations in front of goal showed little sign of subsiding.

With little under 20 minutes remaining the home side's troubles deepened. Adrian was hesitant after Junior Stanislas was played through, and Ryan Fraser thrashed the loose ball beyond the keeper.

But within a minute West Ham were level. Arnautovic's initial effort was blocked, but substitute Hernandez was on hand to prod past Begovic.

Bournemouth looked the more likely in the final minutes, but a draw was a fair outcome, keeping the sides a point apart in the Premier League table in 11th and 12th places respectively.

"I thought we probably played our best football here since I've taken over," Moyes enthused after the game.

"For me, it's progress. I do think probably the 120 minutes against Shrewsbury for some just started to take its toll."

Recent speculation has linked goalscorer Hernandez with a move

away from the London Stadium.

However, Moyes was swift to point out that he needed to bolster his squad as opposed to losing players.

"There's probably speculation with Chicharito, but there's speculation about Andy Carroll, there's been speculation about Diafra Sakho, there's been speculation about every man and his dog here at the moment.

"As far as I'm concerned, you can look at my bench today and if there's one club at this present time that doesn't need to lose any players then it's West Ham.

"We needed Chicharito. I think the sort of goal he got today might be typical, so we need to try and get a lot more balls in the box and hopefully, he's going to score a lot more goals for us in the coming weeks and months."

Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe was frustrated that his side was unable to capitalise after snatching the advantage.

He said: "I thought we were pretty slow out of the traps today. We did well not to concede under some early pressure. But we grew into the game and got better as it went on. It was a similar start to the second half, but then we scored a great goal, and you hope with the way that we defended for the majority of the game, that it was going to be enough to win it.

"But of course we conceded straight after. That's the big disappointment today."

West Ham now turn their attention to the Emirates FA Cup, travelling to the DW Stadium on Saturday, January 27 for a fourth round tie with Wigan Athletic (3pm).

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Aaron Cresswell (Sam Byram 90'), Pablo Zabaleta, Marko Arnautovic, Chiekhou Kouyate (Declan Rice 90'), Manuel Lanzini (Javier Hernandez 65'), Pedro Obiang, Mark Noble (capt), James Collins, Angelo Ogbonna, Arthur Masuaku Subs not used: Joe Hart, Toni Martinez, Reece Burke, Josh Cullen

**AFC Bournemouth:** Asmir Begovic, Simon Francis (capt), Steve Cook, Dan Gosling, Nathan Ake, Charlie Daniels, Callum Wilson, Adam Smith, Lewis Cook, Ryan Fraser (Joshua King 85'), Jordan Ibe (Junior Stanislas 62') Subs not used: Artur Boruc, Andrew Surman, Lys Mousset, Jack Simpson, Kyle Frazer Taylor

**Referee:** Martin Atkinson  
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### Non-league round-up

## Bad weather hits fixtures

By Brian Jeeves

THE wet weather proved costly for several of the region's non-league clubs, with a series of fixtures called off leaving players and supporters frustrated as their sides faced a blank Saturday.

In the Essex Senior League, only two of the nine matches survived. Jack Adlington and Marcus Bowers both bagged a brace as Basildon United kept their title aspirations alive with a convincing 4-1 win over struggling Enfield 1893 at Barrow Farm Stadium.

In the National League, Leyton Orient's clash with FC Halifax Town was hit by a frozen pitch.

But Dagenham & Redbridge's game on the all-weather surface at Sutton United's Gander Green Lane went ahead.

Goals from Tommy Wright and Tom Bolarinwa handed the hosts an unassailable two-goal advantage before Fejiri Okenabirhie grabbed a consolation for the Daggers who slip to 10th in the table as a result of their 2-1 defeat.

No problems with the weather, or finding the net for East Thurrock United. The Rocks hammered Oxford City 4-1 at Rookery Hill, with Calvin Epiteta scoring twice, while Sam Higgins and Montel Agyemang completed the rout.

Former Southend United frontman, Mat Paterson, hit City's solitary strike, but it was the home supporters among the 218 crowd who went home the happier.

Phil Roberts gave Braintree Town an early lead against Hemel Hempstead Town at Cressing Road. Spencer McCall levelled before the break and Ebby Nelson-Abby won it for the visitors in the final minute.

It also proved to be a frustrating afternoon for Concord Rangers. The Beach Boys' unbeaten sequence was brought to an end thanks to goals from Jack Batten and Jack Compton as hosts Bath City picked up their first victory at Twerton Park since mid-November.

Elsewhere, Chelmsford City's match with Weston-Super-Mare at the Woodspring Stadium was postponed.

Remi Sutton and Michael Pindy found the net shortly before the break to earn Thurrock a notable 2-0 Bostik League Premier Division victory over Leatherhead at Ship Lane. Robert Harvey's early strike was enough for Brightlingsea Regent to pick up the points at Kingstonian.

Bostik North fixtures were hit by the weather, but there were no problems for Aveyley and their artificial surface at Parkside. Ryan Cosson scored early on at the Millers saw off Bury Town by a goal to nil in front of a shivering crowd.

Derek Asamoah gave Haringey Borough the lead just before half-time against Grays Athletic at Coles Park. But Grays earned a point thanks to Adeyinka Cole's goal 15 minutes from time.

Tom Anderson, Charlie Little and Jack Carlile (pen) helped Tilbury to an entertaining 3-3 draw at Norwich United, while league leaders AFC Hornchurch remain seven points clear following a goalless draw at Dereham Town.

Canvey Island slipped to a damaging 3-0 defeat at the hands of Soham Town Rangers at Park Lane. Callum Russell, Jon Kaye and Callum Russell (pen) with the visitors' goals.

And there was a 3-1 setback for Barking at AFC Sudbury. Billy Jones pulled one back from the spot for the East Londoners after the hosts raced into a three-goal lead inside the first 35 minutes.

Selected action from a decimated ProKit UK Essex Olympian League fixture list, saw May & Baker E.C. thrash Basildon Town 6-0 in a one-sided Premier Division clash at Gale Street.

In Division One, Buckhurst Hill scored four without reply against Old Southendians and Benfleet were 6-1 winners at A1 Sports in Division Two.

Several matches survived in Division Three, with White Ensign Reserves beating local rivals, Leigh Town, 5-1 at the Len Forge Centre.

## Blues have someone in mind to replace Brown

SOUTHEND United have placed manager Phil Brown on gardening leave while they reach a settlement agreement on his departure from the club after a run of poor results which has seen the team drop to 18th place in League One.

Graham Coughlan (assistant manager), Brian Horton (football coordinator) and Bob Shaw (head of recruitment) have also been sacked.

The Blues have lost 10 of their 14 away games this season and an announcement on the Blues' official website said: "This season, to date, has been a disappointment and has not reflected, in the board's opinion, the capability of the assembled squad or the investment."

The statement added: "Recent performances have been unacceptable and in the board's view

the lack of discipline, Nile Ranger a case in point, has only served to compound the position."

It adds that the club has identified a principal target for the job and pending the new appointment(s) team affairs will be conducted by the club's academy manager and head of the under-23 team, Ricky Duncan and Kevin Maher.



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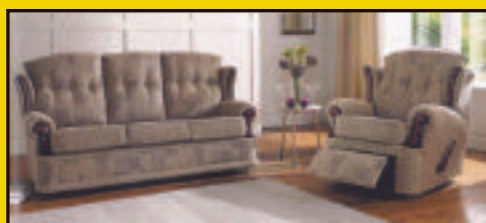
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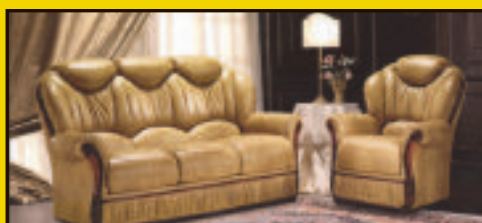
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